MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : In the answer it is stated that an approximate estimate for the scheme has also been prepared. Is the amount available ?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The present estimated amount is Rs. 59 and odd lakhs.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : I mean for the high pressure pipe line ?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : First of all, Rs. 6,000 was sanctioned. The revised estimate is for Rs. 13,070.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : Is any progress being made now ?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Progress is being made in the direction of investigation.

Construction of a cart-road from 8/7 Alleppey-Shertallai road to Muhamma.

102. MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Public Works Department intends constructing a cart-road from 8/7 Alleppey-Shertallai road to Muhamma ?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Yes, after the land is formally acquired and handed over to the Public Works Department.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : Is it only the formal acquisition of land that has taken place by this time ?

MR. C. N. SRIRANGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Land has to be acquired yet.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : Has the survey taken place ?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : In this case, the President of the Desabhimani Samajam, Muhamma, on behalf of the people, agreed to give the land required for the road, free of compensation, and he was given a list of owners from whom land has to be got. But the President has not yet sent back a written statement from those people undertaking to surrender the land. It is only after that statement is received, that survey can be done.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : Have the Government any document to show that the land has been acquired now ?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : As a matter of fact, it is not the formal acquisition that is necessary in this case. The President of the Samajam on behalf of the people has agreed to get the land surrendered by the people and so he has been asked to send a written statement of the people stating that they will surrender the land.

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MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): May I know from the member whether there is any bit of land now?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): As I have already stated, the President of the Samajam has not yet sen the written statement from the people of the locality undertaking to surrender the land to Government.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): How is the President of the Samajam concerned in the acquisition of the land?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Because it was he who undertook to give the land.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertalli*): But is there any more land to be acquired?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It is only after the statement comes in, that we can know whether any more land is required.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): So, Government are not in a position to say whether any more land is necessary?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): As I have already stated, unless the statement comes from the President of the Samajam it is not possible to say whether any more land is necessary.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): May I inform the member that for the last three years this work was being conducted?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It is only an estimate that has been sanctioned, and there is also a provision in the Budget. The work has been held up, because the land has not been surrendered. That is what the Chief Engineer says.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Will the Government inform the Department of Public Works of the formal acquisition of the land?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): If the member will also help in the acquisition of land, the matter will be expedited.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): My information is that acquisition has been done.

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Acquisition is only a formal affair, but before that is done, the written statement of the people undertaking to surrender their lands will have to come in.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Is the department going to work after the formal acquisition is completed?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Even this year?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes, if they will surrender the land early enough.

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